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As for the Panama canal itself, the Atlas tells of the first suggestion of a canal made by A. Von Humboldt in 1825, when he visited Panama and decided that if traversed by good roads and stocked with camels, the neck of land may one day serve as a portage for the commerce of the world.

In 1825, the congress of Central America decreed the construction of a Nicaragua canal, which failed in spite of support from private American capital and the king of Holland.

Throughout the nineteenth century, negotiations went constantly onward for the construction of some sort of a canal, with diplomats and national conferences and treaties and concessions.

More diplomacy kept the project pending until 1880 when Count de Lesseps' plan was revived in the person of a French engineer who pressed the purchase of the first blast in Culebra.

Quiescent for a time, the canal project was revived in 1898 when congress appointed a new canal commission. Then followed the Nicaragua negotiations and the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The atlas is rich in maps, drawn from the latest data. One of them shows how the ocean routes are shortened by the canal, how the whole maze of sea lanes will rearrange itself as soon as the passage is ready to carry ships.

Another valuable feature of the atlas is a detailed chart map showing the scope of the parcel post, with tables showing rates, and distances. The map shows by great circles, centering at Portland, the actual zones, which make up the basis of post charges.

What other indispensable data the atlas contains is so vast that one must have a copy and study it. Maps of the world, of the northwest, the photographs of all the governors Oregon has ever had, tables showing population, all are found in the book.

Strongly bound, the atlas is adaptable to all uses and is as fit for a library as any work of reference. The volume ordinarily is sold for \$3.50, but by special arrangement with the publishers, The Journal is able to put it into the homes of its readers for a fraction of that sum.

Made Presidential Postoffices. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The following Oregon postoffices have been advanced to the presidential class: Haines, salary, \$1000; Sutherlin, \$1100; Willamina, \$1000.

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POSTOFFICE BUSINESS BREAKS ALL PAST RECORDS



Receipts of Stamp Sales Total \$6649 by 6 o'Clock Last Night.

In every respect yesterday was the biggest day of the biggest week in volume of business that the Portland postoffice has ever known. In amount of mail handled, postal receipts and in the size of the crowds that simply packed the postoffice building from the Morrison street to the Yamhill street entrance all day long, previous standards were far surpassed.

Something over 250,000 pounds, or 125 tons, of mail left Portland during the day. Yesterday was the last day in which mail could be sent with any certainty that it would reach points east of the Mississippi river in time for delivery by Christmas day.

With the outgoing mail tide at its highest point, the stream of parcels for Portland delivery was also heavy yesterday, and some of the carriers, for the first time, were unable to make all their deliveries. Fifty extra men, some of whom were carriers, were working Saturday in addition to the regular force and altogether 100 extra men will be at work Monday.

Clerks Are Overworked. Nor did the tide cease during the evening. Clerks at the windows at 8 o'clock last night were working harder than at any time during the day, although at no hour did any of the stamp dispensers have a single minute of leisure.

No. 9, the fast mail train from Chicago, was four hours late yesterday morning. Its long string of mail cars was packed to the roofs with Christmas parcels.

To make the situation worse, this mail was unsorted, that is, it had not been sorted. All this work had to be done by the clerks in the Portland offices. Of more than 300 parcels, all had been emptied and the contents sent on the last lap of their destinations at 6 o'clock. The railway mail service generally is swamped.

Among the incoming first class mail yesterday, was more than 100,000 post cards, according to an estimate of Postmaster Myers. The incoming parcel post weight was estimated at 20 tons.

Stamp Sale Heavy. Receipts from stamp sales at the main office yesterday, up to 6 o'clock, when Assistant Postmaster Shellenbarger was supplied with the daily report, totaled \$6649.52. The receipts from stamp sales Friday, conceded to have been the next largest day, were \$6233.35. In this respect last Tuesday was larger than Friday, because \$6984.50 worth of stamps were sold there. Receipts Thursday were \$5594.50.

PRUNE INDUSTRY AT MYRTLE CREEK GROWS

Season Was Excellent One With Big Crop and Good Prices.

(Special to The Journal.) Myrtle Creek, Or., Dec. 20.—The excellent prune crop produced in this section the past season together with the good prices received for the same has greatly stimulated interest in the prune industry among the farmers, and they are planting out a considerable acreage to this fruit.

The local packing plant, operated by E. L. French, of Vancouver, Wash., during the season which closed a few days ago, packed and shipped to the eastern markets 65 cars of dried prunes. A force of 40 men, women and girls were engaged for 11 weeks in getting out this pack, and much money was paid out for wages in addition to more than \$100,000 distributed among the growers for their prunes.

The first prunes were planted here in the early 80's and prices for the first few crops of the dried fruit netted the growers about 12 cents per pound. Climatic conditions are very favorable here for prunes, especially the French variety. Then when the price of the fruit dropped to a point which many claimed was less than the price of production, a number of growers dug up their prune orchards and went into some other line of production.

Bills by Oregonians. (Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill providing for deferred residence on homesteads. Representative Lafferty has one for a single uniform classification of freight.



Carriers bending under weight of Christmas mail just before starting out on deliveries from postoffice.

Wednesday, \$6233.26, and Monday, \$5392.76. Despite the crowds and the rush of it all, and in the face of reports from nearly everywhere else in the country, Postmaster Myers maintains that the Portland office is not swamped. Every day, with its increasing burden so far, he says, has been met with all mail cleaned up, leaving a clear field for the operations of the next 24 hours.

Monday and Tuesday, it is anticipated, will be the days of greatest strain. A tremendous volume of outgoing mail for points along this coast and the nearer states is expected for these two days, and in addition the vast incoming Christmas packages, which usually the express companies have more than helped distribute, will

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COURT SAYS DIVORCES DON'T ENTITLE WOMEN TO "KIDS" PENSIONS

Deputy District Attorney Murphy Renders Opinion for Case Committee.

An opinion by Deputy District Attorney Murphy yesterday informed the case committee which handles widows' pension matters in the juvenile court that divorces do not entitle women to pensions for their children. The opinion was called for in the case of a woman who said that her divorced husband had been injured and could not support their children, who are in her custody. She admitted that her husband could do janitor work, and Murphy held that even if the pension could be granted otherwise, that would place the case outside the provisions of the law.

Should the woman deny her divorce for the purpose of coming within the act she will still be not eligible, for in her petition she said that her husband is a resident of Washington and a wife's residence follows that of her husband. Another point raised was that the woman has an income from renting rooms and the law provides that when income in excess of the maximum allowable is received from other sources than a woman's labor, she cannot receive a pension.

Two widows were allowed pensions by the committee, Mrs. Calope Paleologo, 231 Sixth street, \$17.50, for two children, and Mrs. Mary McClure, 515 1/2 Jefferson street, \$10, for two children. Mrs. McClure has worked at a hotel which does not interfere with her home duties and for which she receives \$30 a month.

One pension was stopped because the boy for whom it was allowed has been sent to the reform school; two were withdrawn because the women have ceased to be dependent, one earning a good living by dressmaking in her

Office Not Swamped Despite Crowds and Strenuous Duties of Clerks.

This year fell upon the shoulders of the mail carriers for delivery. Postoffice employees look forward usually to Sunday as a day of rest, but that will not be the case today. Full forces will be on the job, probably all day, and at least their job will last until things have been cleaned up.

Portland's largest coal yards, owned by the Edlefson Fuel Co., will be prepared to satisfy those who know the old reliable Peacock Rock Springs. These yards issue public scale certificates, representing piles of 25,000 tons' output daily. Vouch for satisfaction and service. (Adv.)

Xmas Worries End at Lennon's. Gloves, Hosiery, Umbrellas. In Holly Gift Boxes. Largest Assortment on Coast. Morrison St., Opposite Postoffice. C. F. BERG, Manager.

RIOTING AT SEATTLE IN TEAMSTERS' STRIKE

Non-Union Man Stoned into Hospital and More Trouble

(United Press Licensed Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—Rioting characterized the second day of the teamsters' strike in this city. One nonunion transfer driver is in the hospital, suffering from concussion of the brain, as the result of being stoned today, and several shots were fired during another battle between strikers and nonunion men, but no one was injured. Numerous fights occurred, but none of the participants were seriously injured. Police precautions were doubled, and special details of patrolmen and detectives were on duty in the heavy traffic district throughout the day. Thirty additional patrolmen were sworn in at noon today.

Threatened, he claims, with assault by sympathizers of the striking teamsters, G. C. Sims, driver for the Lloyd Transfer company, and a nonunion man, fired two shots into a crowd late this afternoon. The shots went wide, and no one was injured. Sims was arrested, and held in the city jail in default of \$1500 bail.

Robert Lewis, a nonunion driver is in the city hospital, suffering from injuries inflicted on him this morning by sympathizers of the striking teamsters when he refused to quit his job. The situation is tense, and more rioting is feared.

home. One was withdrawn because the woman is planning to marry, another because the woman received \$3000 insurance from her husband's estate, and another because the woman received \$1000 insurance and has \$140 in the bank.

Opera Company Stranded. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 20.—The American Grand Opera company of Cleveland, stranded at Lexington, Ky., today appealed to the Cincinnati charities and corrections department for transportation to their homes. The company was headed by Adelaida Norwood, a well known prima donna. Plans are under way to assist the members of the company as far as Cleveland.

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